

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 124
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Thelma Metzger upon
being named Teacher of the Year at Alpha
Primary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Thelma Metzger is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Metzger was recently selected by her colleagues as Teacher of the Year at Alpha Primary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Metzger received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Oral Roberts University and completed additional course work at the Florissant Valley College and at Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, a classroom veteran with fifteen years of teaching experience, Thelma Metzger has served with acumen and alacrity as a first grade teacher; and

WHEREAS, through her endeavors, Ms. Metzger has received numerous accolades, including the 2002 Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the Year Award and the Alpha Primary School Teacher of the Year award last year; and

WHEREAS, a member of the newly formed Task Force for Substitute Teachers, she serves on the State's Math Textbook Committee and was a participant on the Task Force to Improve Tennessee Schools; she has also been a workshop presenter on Writing Comprehension and for Literacy Centers and the Discovery Zone; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being the school's Keep America Beautiful program sponsor, Ms. Metzger supports the ALPS Center and Small Animal Rehabilitation, a Tennessee Wildlife program; and

WHEREAS, a devout member of First Baptist Church, Ms. Metzger is active in the church choir and the music ministry; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, she attended community meetings as a part of the Hamblen County Emergency Response team in an effort to be better prepared in the event of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Metzger is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Metzger truly serves as an inspiration to her students and colleagues alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Thelma Metzger truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Thelma Metzger upon being named Teacher of the Year at Alpha Primary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.